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December 14, 2005

Cathy Seidel, Acting Chief
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Status of 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration
WT Docket 02-55

Dear Ms. Seidel:

On December 6, 2005, we sent you a letter addressing a recommendation from Sprint Nextel, in a letter dated December 1, 2005, that the Commission move the “start date” of the 800 MHz band reconfiguration from June 27, 2005, to sixty (60) days following *Federal Register* publication of the Commission’s *Memorandum Opinion and Order* (released October 5, 2005). While we oppose the blanket schedule adjustment proposed by Sprint Nextel, our letter should not be construed as opposing requests from public safety agencies to adjust their reconfiguration schedules to meet demonstrated local or regional requirements. Indeed, we would support schedule adjustments such as the pending request from Fairfax County, Virginia, that explains the need to preserve the very complex interoperability now available to public safety responders within the Washington-Baltimore area and is intended to promote more efficient and less disruptive rebanding.

Respectfully submitted,

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